GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:291
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2008
ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE HIMALAYAN REGION
Chhewang Shri Thupstan

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to improve road conditions and to construct new roads in the States contiguous to the Himalayas in the last three years ; and

(b) the quantum of funds allocated by the Centre to assist this work in the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 291 FOR ANSWER ON 19.03.2008 ASKED BY SHRI CHHEWANG THUPSTAN REGARDING "ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE HIMALAYAN REGION".

(a) & (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). In addition, funds are also provided from the Central Road Fund (CRF) for development of state roads. The State-wise details of funds allocated in the States viz. Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh contiguous to the Himalayas in the last three years for the development and maintenance of roads including NHs is given in Annexure-I.

In addition, the Border Roads Organization (BRO) is also spending funds for road development in the above mentioned states as given in Annexure-II.

Apart from the above, Government has taken up separate programme namely Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North-Eastern Region (SARDP-NE) which includes improvement of 3,351 km of roads in the Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim which are contiguous to the Himalayas.

Government has taken up a scheme under the Prime Minister's package for road development in Jammu & Kashmir which includes up gradation /improvement of about 795 km length of National Highways and 297 km length of state roads

Further, proposal for undertaking construction of 27 road links having a total length of about 608 km in the border area along the Indo-China border in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh has also been approved by the Government.